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SUBJECT: NEW ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO GDR: GHEORGHE TACHE

1. MAY 23 RCP DAILY "SCINTEIA" ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF GHEORGHE TACHE AS AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR, REPLACING CONSTANTIN NITA, WHO WAS IN LATE MARCH NAMED MINISTERIAL STATE SECRETARY AND CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION DEPARTMENT IN THE FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY. TACHE'S MOST RECENT POSITION HAS BEEN AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION SINCE FEBRUARY 1977; HE COMPLAINED OF BEING FRUSTRATED IN THE POSITION, FEELING THAT IT CALLED FOR AN ADMINISTRATOR. HIS APPOINTMENT TO BERLIN IS A REWARD FOR DEPENDABLE IF UNDISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

2. FROM NOVEMBER 1974 TO FEBRUARY 1977 5-:#3 (PHON: TA-KEE) SERVED AS AN RCP SECRETARY IN TIMIS JUDET (COUNTRY) IN WESTERN ROMANIA, WHERE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF THE COUNTRY'S GERMAN AND MAGYAR MINORITIES ARE LOCATED. IN MARCH 1975 TACHE WAS ALSO ELECTED THE JUDET PEOPLE'S COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPAGANDA, IN KEEPING WITH THE FUSION OF PARTY-STATE FUNCTIONS AMONG ROMANIAN JEDUTE LEADERS. TACHE'S TIMIS BACKGROUND INCLUDED COUNTRY AND MINICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND PROPAGANDA. EARLIER IN HIS CAREER, HE SERVED TWO YEARS AS A VICE-CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL OF CRAIOVAHVTY.
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3. TACPJ, BORN JULY 23, 1928, IS ORIGINALLY FROM THE PLOESTI AREA, WHERE HE WAS A WORKER IN PETROLEUM INDUSTRY. HE HAS A MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE FROM TIMISOARA'S POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, HAS BEEN A CORRESPONDENCE-COURSE STUDENT OF THE "STEFAN GHEORGHU" ACADEMY (RCP'S HIGHER

PARTY SCHOOL) IN BUCHAREST, AND SAID IN 1976 THAT HE WAS WORKING ON AN ADVANCED DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

4. TACHE'S WIFE IS AN ETHNIC GERMAN (SWABIAN), AND THE COUPLE HAVE A TEEN-AGE DAUGHTER. MRS. TACHE REPORTEDLY SUFFERS FROM A HYPERTHYROID CONDITION. TACHE HAS TRAVELLED FAIRLY WIDELY, HAVING VISITED YUOSLAVIA, FRANCE, GREECE, THE U.S., AND MOST EE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THREE MONTHS IN THE GDR FOR ENGINEERING STUDIES. HE IS A HEAVY-SET, HEAVY-JOWLED, DARK-HAIRED MAN WITH OLIVE COMPLEXION. HE SAID IN 1976 THAT HIS WEIGHT PROBLEM (RECENT VISA APPLICATION FOR THE U.S. GIVES WEIGHT AS 103 KILOS) ORIGINATED WITH A KIDNEY STONE OPERATION IN 1968. TACHE, WHO HAS SOME COMPREHENSION BUT NO SPEAKING ABILITY IN ENGLISH, PROBABLY SPEAKS AT LEAST FAIR GERMAN IN VIEW OF HIS WIFE'S BACKGROUND.

5. TACHE IMPRESSED PREVIOUS DCM AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR IN APRIL 1976 MEETING IN TIMISOARA AS THOROUGHLY CONVENTIONAL ON POLITICAL ISSUES. INDEPENDENTLY QUESTIONED LOCAL INTELLECTUALS COMPLAINED OF TACHE'S IGNORANCE AND LACK OF ORIGINALITY IN CULTURAL AFFAIRS POSTS, AND EMBOFFS FORMED VIEW THAT HE HAD BEEN KEPT IN SAFE JOBS BECAUSE OF LOYALTY AND SOUNDNESS AS AN APPARATCHER, BUR LIMITED

TO SAFE JOBS BY UNDERACHIEVEMENT.
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6. AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION, TACHE SPENT TWO WEEKS IN THE U.S. IN NOV. AND DEC, 1977 ON AN INTERNATIONAL

VISITOR'S GRANT. HE MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS AS AN ASSIDUOUS OBSERVER, BUT WAS A DIFFICULT VISITOR WHO FELT SLIGHTED BY AMERICAN INFORMALITY AND LACK OF PROTOCOL TREATMENT. THE TRIP INCLUDED WASHINGTON (NSF, AID, STATE), DETROIT (WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY), ANN ARBOR (UNIV OF MICHIGAN), SAN FRANCISCO (BERKELEY), LOS ANGELES (UCLA), NEW YORK (ROMANIAN LIBRARY), AND NEW HAVEN (YALE). APPOINTMENTS COVERED ROMANIAN-AMERICAN EXCHANGES, DISCUSSIONS ON AMERICAN EDUCATION, A VISIT TO FORD MUSEUM IN DEARBORN, TOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL LABORATORIES IN ENGINEERING AND PHYSICS, AND A VISIT WITH DR. GEORGE PALADE, ROMANIAN-BORN 1974 NOBEL PRIZE-WINNER ON YALE FACULTY. TACHE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LABORATORIES AND THE FOR MUSEUM, AND FELT THE TRIP WAS OF PROFESSIONAL BENEFIT.
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